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To be put in Bellefonte's Mid State Bank's time vault for 100 years, in celebration of the present bicentennial.

When I read every so often of the leniency of the American people I think of an ancestor of mine whose persistence brought about this fine bank we have here today.

In 1841 my ancestor went to Bellefonte where he accumulated quite a bit of money. He made investments in land and actually started a private banking business. He withstood several fires, always building again. Finally he purchased the southeast corner of the Diamond and built what was considered a modern bank, with a large vault. Still more fires but the bank persisted even after Reynolds' death in 1893.

And in 1904 a group of men still operating the bank decided to form a state bank under the name of the Bellefonte Trust Co., which later was changed to Mid-State Bank joined with other nearby banks.

And so it is that we have today our splendid bank with the persistence of a few men in the early part of its first century.

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